

its existence. Northampton also offers many degree programs specifically designed to meet the needs of industries in the region. In 2012 it is estimated to create 541 new jobs, \$15.9 million in new economic revenue activity, and \$2.8 million in tax revenue.

Northampton continues to lead the pack in higher education and has proven to be a model for community colleges across the country. The faculty, staff, and administration, under the leadership of President Art Scott, put students first. This new campus is evidence of this institution's steadfast commitment to preparing students for the 21st century economy. I could not be more pleased and honored to recognize such an exceptional educational accomplishment and ask that you would join me today in celebrating along with Northampton Community College.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNERS

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, on Friday, October 7, the Nobel Peace Prize for 2011 was awarded to three distinguished women for their courageous efforts to promote peace and democracy. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, her compatriot and peace activist Leymah Gbowee, and prodemocracy campaigner Tawakkol Karman of Yemen join the ranks of the chosen few whose dedication to peace is acknowledged by the international community.

President Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first democratically elected female head of state, has helped Liberia recover from 14 brutal years of civil war. Taking office in 2006 after a lengthy exile, she led her nation to greater peace and security, while transforming Liberia in the eyes of the world.

Ms. Gbowee, a founding member of the Women in Peacebuilding Network, mobilized over 3,000 Muslim and Christian women to hold nonviolent protests that helped bring an end to Liberia's civil war. Her efforts demonstrate that the desire for peace and the power to effect change transcend ethnic, religious, and gender divides.

Ms. Karman has for years been a vocal champion of human rights in Yemen. In 2005, she founded a group called Women Journalists Without Chains. Since then, she has braved physical threats and harassment to advance the cause of freedom in her country. And this year, she has emerged as one of the leaders of Yemen's nonviolent democratic uprising. As the first Arab woman to receive a Nobel prize, her selection honors all of the mothers, daughters, and sisters across the Middle East who have been standing for their rights alongside their fathers, sons and brothers.

In the history of the Nobel Peace Prize, very few women have received this high honor. The choice of the selection committee this year is more than a recognition of the strength and courage of these women; it is a clear

and resounding testament to the idea that women's rights are important, that it is smart policy to promote gender equality, and that societies are better off when all of their members—women included—can safely exercise their fundamental rights and become drivers of economic security and political opportunity.

Let's take this moment to remember another Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Wangari Maathai, who passed away just days before this year's announcement. Dr. Maathai led the Green Belt Movement with tenacity and vision, transforming Kenya's landscape and women's lives. She and the women who are honored this year leave an indelible mark on our social consciousness. I want to congratulate President John Sirleaf, Ms. Gbowee, and Ms. Karman on their selection and to thank them for their service to their communities and commitment to uphold global standards of human rights.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WARRANT OFFICER JAY T. LANE

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, today we honor WO Jay T. Lane as a hero for an act of incredible bravery and courage. He has earned the Silver Star and I am humbled and honored to submit these words of deep gratitude and appreciation.

In 1971, Jay was the pilot of a lift helicopter that was struck by two rocket-propelled grenades, the incredibly deadly weapon of choice for our enemies in Vietnam. It is a miracle that wasn't the end of Jay right then and there.

Known as an extraordinarily skillful and talented pilot by his peers, Jay somehow safely landed what was left of the helicopter. Relatively speaking, Jay was OK, but one of the infantrymen on the vehicle was badly wounded.

After removing his fellow soldier from the wreckage, Jay then went back into a burning helicopter under intense fire from the enemy to retrieve the first aid kit and began to care for his wounded friend.

Knowing he needed to get to a safer area, Jay carried the wounded soldier on his back through the jungle and waited until help arrived.

After the episode, Jay's superior officer wrote, "His gallant actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Military."

I couldn't agree more. Jay's bravery stands as a fine example of the character of our men and women who have fought for and defended this country. Those who wear the uniform today still display that same courage in far away places, just as Jay did that day in Vietnam.

Without their sense of duty to our country, we would not enjoy the freedoms we have today. It is of the high-

est calling to provide for the common defense, as the preamble of our Constitution makes clear. I am awed by their sacrifice.

Today, I am honored to congratulate Jay T. Lane for earning the Silver Star. It is well deserved.●

#### REMEMBERING MAYOR JERRY WASHBURN

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, the city of Orem recently lost a great leader and public servant—Mayor Jerry C. Washburn.

Mayor Washburn called Orem his home for over 50 years and acted as the longest-serving mayor in the city's history. He was known as a natural leader who took the time to listen to all opinions, and created an environment that encouraged an open exchange of ideas.

As mayor he focused on enriching the quality of life in Orem, and dedicated his time to projects that will benefit generations to come. Citywide streetlights, the swimming pools at SCERA Park, Lakeside Sports Park, and Nielsen's Grove Park are just a few that residents today and in the future will enjoy.

Mayor Washburn also served as chairman of the Utah County Transportation Planning Organization, chairman of the Utah County Board of Health, and was a founding board member of the Utah Lake Commission. His life was truly devoted to serving his community, his church, and his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS CORVINO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Nicholas Corvino, a summer intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Nicholas is a rising senior pursuing a major in political science and a minor in history at the University of Central Florida. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Nicholas for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY COSTA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Timothy Costa, a summer intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Timothy is a rising senior pursuing a major in philosophy and a minor in political science at Temple University. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.